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1. IN RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTIONS IN REF A, WE OUTLINED
FOR FONO OFF MBFR DIRECTOR DR. RUECKRIEGEL U.S. VIEWS ON
NEXT STEPS IN MBFR.

2. RUECKRIEGEL THANKED US FOR THE PRESENTATION AND
INDICATED THAT THE GERMAN POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT HAS
BEEN DRAFTED AND IS PRESENTLY AWAITING CLEARANCE BY HIS
SUPERIORS. WHEN APPROVAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED, HOPEFULLY
BY TOMORROW, IT WILL BE SENT TO THE FIELD.

3. IN RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSAL HE INDICATED THAT THE
FRG ACCEPTS THE DECEMBER 14TH STATEMENT AS A POINT OF
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DEPARTURE, BUT THAT THEY COULD ONLY ACCEPT IT IF
CERTAIN CHANGES IN LANGUAGE CAN BE AGREED UPON.

4. RUECKRIEGEL SAID THAT FRG WILL PROPOSE THAT AT
THE BEGINNING OF THE 14TH ROUND THE WEST ATTEMPT TO
PERSUADE THE EAST TO DROP THE WHOLE METHOD OF DECLA-
RATIONS AND COUNTER-DECLARATIONS. WE SHOULD HE SAID,

PLEAD FOR AN EXCHANGE OF DATA WITHOUT ENGAGING IN THE ABOVE AND ATTEMPT TO MAKE A STRONG CASE FOR NOT HAVING DECLARATIONS AT ALL.

5. IF THIS MEETS WITH STRONG RESISTANCE FROM THE EAST, THE FRG WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE DECEMBER 14TH STATEMENT WITH A VIEW TOWARD IMPROVEMENT IN LANGUAGE.

6. ON THE SUBJECT OF THE FRG STABILIZATION MEASURES PAPER, REF B, RUECKRIEGEL STATED THAT IT WOULD BE INTRODUCED INTO NATO WITHIN THE COMING DAYS.

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